

stated that he always leaves business outside his bedroom door, with the result that he invariably sleeps well.

Mr. Gladstone does not smoke and dislikes tobacco in every form. He has no need for stimulants, and scarcely ever drinks anything stronger than light claret, of which he does not profess to be a connoisseur. He has a profound contempt for smart attire and a profound dislike for new clothes. In winter, he wears a tall black hat and black clothes, which include a queer-looking short overcoat with long cape fastened on. The cape, which is absurdly disproportionate in length to the coat, generally opens out as the wearer walks along the street and assumes the appearance of great substantial wings. In summer Mr. Gladstone does a tall white hat and wears light clothing, usually of gray cashmere.

Mr. Gladstone is not a rich man. His income does not exceed seven thousand pounds a year, and the demands made upon the purse of a man in his position are enormous.

When residing at Hawarden Castle, a week never passed in which he does not spend at least a few hours in the open air trying the edge of his famous axe upon the big trees. But the great solace of his old age is reading, and the hobby to which he is most passionately devoted is the collection of old and rare books.

After attending Stanley's wedding in Westminster Abbey last summer he escaped from the gay crowd and made his way eastward entirely alone to Southampton Row, where he overhauled the stock of a book-seller with whom he frequently has dealings. Upon that occasion he bought "The Life of Thomas Reynolds," in two volumes; "The Morning Life," a Catholic religious book; "Ireland Before and After the Union," by R. B. Martin; "The Rise and Progress of Religious Opinion in Ireland," by Mrs. Thompson; "Lord Holland's Reminiscences," "Manchester College Lectures," containing an address by Cardinal Newman on classical literature also "Byron's Letters" and the "Lent Lectures." "The Laws of Honor," an account of the suppression of duels in France, "Le Bouddha," by Saint Hilaire; "The French Librarian, or Literary Guide," by Venturini; "English Synonyms" and a Greek work.

Mr. Gladstone always has his purchases rebound, holding that a book worth reading is worthy of a good cover.

Having moved among the great ones of the earth for upwards of half a century Mr. Gladstone is necessarily well versed in the courtier's arts, but he thoroughly dislikes them, and when in office practices them as little as his position as Prime Minister will permit.

Mr. Gladstone cannot or will not talk down to the level of the average Prince, and in the presence of the Queen he bears himself with an air of proud humility and many deference which is sometimes embarrassing and not infrequently annoying to his royal mistress. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the great Liberal statesman is a favorite at court and that he is rarely invited there.

During the session Mr. Gladstone is very regular in his attendance at the House. One of his peculiarities is his dislike of the Inner Lobby, which is always crowded with newspaper men, ex-members of Parliament and a few others who enjoy the precious privilege of being on the Speaker's list.

When not actually engaged in debate but sitting as an interested listener, Mr. Gladstone has hard work to suppress his natural inclination to jump up and join in the fray, and he has a curious habit of betraying his eagerness and impatience by grabbing his knees and clutching impressively at the air with his long muscular fingers. Every member knows when Mr. Gladstone is about to make an important speech, the event being heralded by Mrs. Gladstone's appearance in the lady's gallery, while the great man himself wears a flower in his coat and puts on the table before him a little bottle full of a thickish yellow liquid, generally understood to be a kind of egg slip. It is made by Mrs. Gladstone from her own secret recipe, and it always has a wonderful restorative effect upon the orator.

Occasionally within the last few years symptoms of deterioration have been noticed in Mr. Gladstone's superb voice, but when last heard in the House it was very full, strong and musical.

Mr. Gladstone is richly blessed in his domestic relations. His wife has been his devoted helpmate for more than fifty years, and his bearing toward her is still that of a devoted lover.—N. Y. World.

ONE WOMAN'S NERVES.

Looking backward to a certain lonely and unhappy time, a lady says—

"I dragged on in this miserable condition for years, until I got tired of doctoring and taking stuff that did me no good. One physician attended me for eighteen months, giving me but little relief.

"I slept only in a broken fashion, and arose in the morning very little the better for having gone to bed. There was often severe pain in my head and over my eyes, and an almost constant sense of sickness. The skin gradually got dry and yellow, the region of the stomach and bowels felt cold and dead, and the natural energy and warmth appeared to be ebbing out of me like the water out of a river at low tide.

"In June, 1889, whilst living at Moredun, Bournemouth, I had a worse attack than any I had before. I was taken with a feeling of cramp, as if pins and needles were running into me, all over my body. I could not move, and had to lie helpless in bed. The doctor was sent for, and attended me every day, but did not seem to know what to make of my case. In fact, he was puzzled, and finally said, 'I don't really know what your complaint is.'

"I trembled and shook and felt as if I should fall to pieces. I was first hot and then cold, and so dreadfully nervous I could not bear any one in the room with me, and yet I did not wish them far away. In case I should call out for help. Every time one of these spasms came on I said to myself, 'I am sure I shall never get up again.'

"I took nothing but liquid food, and yet could not retain even that on my stomach. By this time I was nothing but skin and bone. My legs went clammy, as if I had no blood left in me. My memory completely failed. I never expected to recover, and that was the opinion of my friends. After they had called to see me they would go away saying, 'She will never get better.' My head ached so dreadfully I thought I should lose my senses.

"I had given up all hope, when one day my friend Mrs. West, of Bournemouth, called and asked what I was taking. I said, 'Oh, I'm tired of taking things; it's no use, I shall die.' Then she told me she was once ill much as I was, and was cured by Mother Selig's Curative Syrup. 'Well, I said, 'What if you will send for it?' She did so, and I seemed to feel better on taking the first dose, and after three days I was able to walk across the room, and by the end of the week I went down stairs. Now I am as well as ever. All my nervousness has left me, and I can eat and digest my food without feeling any distress.

"I want to say finally that I know about Mother Selig's Curative Syrup, and should have tried it years before if certain acquaintances hadn't said, 'Oh, don't take it, for it will do you no good.' They said that because I was a doctor, not because they knew for themselves. It was bad advice for me, and cost me years of torture. Would that I were told—

which is but part of my story—the people may infer what I think of this remedy. I thank God that I did resort to it at last before it was too late." (Signed) Mrs. Jane Foster, Dorracott Road, Pokesdown, Bournemouth, Hants. March, 1890.

It is only necessary to add that the malady from which Mrs. Foster suffered was indigestion, dyspepsia, and nervous prostration. Brought on originally by grief and shock at her husband's sudden and violent death, her system did not rally until Mother Selig's Curative Syrup removed the torpor of the digestive organs, and thus enriched the blood and fed the nerves. It always has this effect in like cases. We can only regret that she foolishly procrastinated in the matter of using it. Her statement of facts may be relied upon, as the case has been thoroughly and impartially investigated.—[Advt.]

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falckenberg & Co's Register.)	To-day.	To-morrow.
Barometer—A.M.	30.14	30.14
Barometer—P.M.	30.03	30.03
Thermometer—A.M.	64	64
Thermometer—P.M.	66	66
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	64	64
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	66	66
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Today's Advertisements.

VICTORIA CHAPTER.

No. 525.
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING of the District Grand Chapter of Hongkong and South China will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 19th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. All Royal Arch Masons, Members of this Chapter, are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1716]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "AMOI." Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Port, on SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1732]

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1733]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PEKIN."

Captain P. Harris, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival here with the outward English mails.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1734]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY, VIA JAVA. THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU."

Captain Sommer, will be despatched for the above Ports, on the 5th January, 1891.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1736]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB wishing to play in a "PICK-UP," TO-MORROW will please be on the Ground punctually at 11.30 a.m.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1735]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of January next, at Noon, precisely, for the purpose of passing a Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, be amended by adding at the end of Article 9th the words following:—

"Any Share, in respect of which all the instalments shall not have been paid on or before the sixteenth day of January, 1891, shall be forfeited, and any Shares so forfeited shall be deemed to be the absolute property of the Company and may be re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the General Manager shall determine, and any Member whose Shares shall have been forfeited shall, notwithstanding such forfeiture, be liable to pay to the Company all instalments due in respect of such Shares at the time of forfeiture."

And by inserting the figures 250 in the place of the figures 2,000 in Articles 41 and 42. And for the purpose of appointing a new General Manager or Managers.

C. EWENS, General Manager. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1737]

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ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

A NEMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, 20th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1702]

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS, Manager. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [1703]

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W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [156]

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THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 6th December, 1890. [1673]

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CHARLES H. THOMPSON, for the V.R.C. Gym. Sub. Com. Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [1725]

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EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1890. [1649]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited. Hongkong, 18th December, 1890. [1730]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 16th December, 1890. [1719]

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